

TURDUS ROSEUS.



CHARACTER GENERICUS.

Rostrum tereti-cultratum : mandibula superiore apice deflexo, emarginato.

Nares nudæ superne membranula semitectæ.

Faux ciliata.

Lingua lacero-emarginata.

Lin. Syst. Nat. p. 291.

CHARACTER SPECIFICUS, &c.

TURDUS ROSEUS, capite alis caudaque nigris, occipite cristato.

TURDUS subincarnatus, capite alis caudaque nigris, occipite cristato.

Lin. Syst. Nat. p. 294.

MERULA ROSEA.

Aldr. orn. 2. p. 626.

Non modo in Italia et reliqua mitiori Europa, sed et in aliis mundi partibus innatus, raro admodum in Angliam defertur *Turdus roseus*. Æqualis fere sturno est magnitudine, summa notabilis elegantia ; capite nimirum, collo, cauda alisque nigrantibus, variata luce, splendide viridi-purpureis ; reliqua avi

E pul-

pulcherrime roseo-pallente. Insectis, ut plurimum, vescitur hæc avis: maxime autem sævit in varias gryllorum species; eamque quasi sacram habent nonnulli Orientis incolæ, Hierapolitæ præcipue, quod minuat quodammodo diram animalculorum formidolosorum segetem. Pulchrum turdi rosei specimen, in agro Oxoniensi anno proxime elapso scloppeto confectum, amicissime nobiscum communicavit Dominus Jenner, militum classicorum dux.



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THE
ROSE-COLOURED OUZEL.



GENERIC CHARACTER.

Bill straight, obtusely carinated at top, bending a little at the point, and slightly notched near the end of the upper mandible.

Nostrils oval.

Tongue slightly jagged at the end.

SPECIFIC CHARACTER, &c.

ROSE-COLOURED, CRESTED THRUSH,
with the head, neck, wings, and tail black.

The ROSE-COLOURED OUZEL.

Will. orn. p. 194.

Le MERLE COULEUR de ROSE.

Briff. 2. p. 250. n. 20.

Buff. ois. 3. p. 348. pl. 22.

The rose-coloured ouzel, a native of Italy and the warmer regions of Europe, as well as of many other parts of the globe, in England appears only as an occasional visitant: its size is nearly that of a starling: it is highly remarkable for the elegance of its

colors: the head, neck, wings, and tail being black, with varying glosses of green and purple, while the remainder of the bird is of a beautiful pale rose-color. It feeds, in general, on insects, and especially on the different kinds of locusts; for which reason it is considered as a kind of sacred bird in some of the Eastern countries, where it contributes greatly to the destruction of those noxious animals. This is said to be particularly the case in the neighbourhood of Aleppo. A beautiful specimen of this bird was shot in the course of the last year in Oxfordshire, of which an account was politely communicated by Captain Jenner, of the marines.